

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Bank Robbery Arrest

Location: Mechanics Bank, 1171 South Victoria Ave.

Date/Time Occurred: 07/07/22 @ 1530 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD Detectives

Suspect(s): Damian Cuellar, 02/21/1999, Ventura Resident

Report #: 22-43627

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call regarding a hold-up alarm at Mechanics Bank, 1171 South Victoria Ave. As patrol officers responded, a witness followed the suspect and provided a description and updates on his location. Officers arrived in the area within four minutes and located Damian Cuellar in the 5700 block of Ralston Ave. Cuellar was taken into custody without incident.

During the investigation, officers learned Cuellar entered the bank and handed a clerk a note demanding money. The clerk gave Cuellar an undisclosed amount of money, and Cuellar fled the bank. A weapon was not used during the robbery, and the money was recovered.

Cuellar was arrested for robbery and booked at the Ventura County Jail.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.